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SUBJECT: Briefing for DD/S, et al., on Functions and Progress of the Office of Logistics

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On Tuesday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m., the Office of Logistics conducted a briefing for the DD/S and others on the functions and progress of the Office of Logistics to date. Those in attendance were:

Col. White, DD/S ✓

Mr. Lloyd, ADD/S

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The Chief, Planning Staff, and the Chief of each Office of Logistics Division gave a report on his Staff or Division, and Col. White asked some questions and made some comments. Only the questions and comments by Col. White are reported here, since each speaker had charts or notes from which any facts given in this briefing could be gotten at any time if needed.

Planning Staff

25X1A9a supported his talk with a number of charts showing progress made in the field of logistics planning. One of the charts concerned reserve. 25X1A9a pointed out that we have more material than would normally be required to support the presently approved force, but he said that the Office of Logistics feels that this should be kept as an "economic reserve." In this reserve there are items which we could never get our hands on again, and with it we have been and will be able to support some targets of opportunity. In this connection Col. White said he would like to subscribe to the Director of Logistics' "economic reserve." We will keep it if this can be done economically. But Col. White cautioned against frittering it away because people think they can get the material without charge. 25X1A9a assured him that all items are costed when issued, so that even if we do not replenish our stocks in kind, we do get the money and are able to buy other material.

25X1A9a Colonel White asked how we know what our hot war strategic reserve should be at this stage. 25X1A9a explained that this is based on MRC figures. He referred to a mobilization chart approved by CIA on the basis of JCS which PP and PSC worked on. The Office of Logistics figured out items of equipment on the basis of figures given us. This is not a firm requirement, however; it is academic because JCS has not yet gone along with the Agency figures.

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Col. White said that it would appear that we have made progress since we
ran through this a few months ago.

Supply Division

25X1A9a [REDACTED] furnished various figures re stocks on hand, receipts, disposals,
and price adjustments. At this point [REDACTED] said that he would like to go 25X1A9a
over these figures with the Supply Division before any charts are made up for
BOB presentation because of known differences between these figures and those
given the BOB last year. [REDACTED] attributed the discrepancy to an IFM 25X1A9a
mistake. Nevertheless, it was agreed that SD and [REDACTED] would get together 25X1A9a
on these charts.

[REDACTED]

Colonel White said we should be sure to qualify our figure of [REDACTED] 25X1C
because actually we have about 65 one way or another.

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25X1A6a Col. White asked if there was any progress in getting requisitions pro-
25X1A cessed by the [REDACTED] reported progress on the 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] has been given instructions for submitting requisitions to
25X1A6a the [REDACTED] We ship back to [REDACTED] from there or to other bases if speci-
25X1A6a fied. No procedure has been worked out for the [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A Col. White asked about an experience factor on the [REDACTED] He con- 25X1A
tinued with these questions: How do you justify 250,000 sq. ft. at [REDACTED] 25X1A6a
and 175,000 sq. ft. on the [REDACTED] Would other locations
not be more economical for the use to which we put this space? We are spending
more than the Government will normally allow to get the [REDACTED] Warehouse 25X1A6a
25X1A into shape. How does OL defend that installation? [REDACTED] answered that 25X1A9a
it is our intention to use the warehouses [REDACTED] to support overseas
bases and to use them for intransit points. He also mentioned the Commo testing
and inspection units there where technical Commo material is screened and then
moved from the warehouse to military channels overseas. Col. White said that
he would like to have worked up figures to prove our case for these installations.

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Procurement Division

25X1A9a During [redacted] presentation, Col. White asked whether ICAB is current in the sense that they are not holding the Office of Logistics up in any way.

25X1A9a [redacted] said the situation is improving daily and that the Office of Logistics has no difficulties or problems in this regard.

25X1A9a [redacted] said we are deficient in field procurement reports showing the kind and amount of procurement being done in the field. Col. White questioned the purpose such reports would serve. He said the question to be answered is whether it is more work to get such reports than the end result is worth. But Col. White did feel that the matter is worth looking into.

25X1A9a [redacted] said that there is a need for the determination of the patent and copyright counsel question which has been called to the attention of the General Counsel. He further pointed out that TBS wants patent counsel available to them. Col. White could see no reason why the Agency could not have among its consulting attorneys a patent lawyer to handle these matters for us.

25X1A9a [redacted] raised the question of where R&D responsibility begins and ends and where the Office of Logistics comes into the picture. Col. White expressed the opinion that TBS has authority and responsibility for clear research, but no authority for development.

25X1A Col. White asked how much of the approximately [redacted] procurement in 1955 would be vouchered and how much unvouchered. [redacted] said about [redacted] 25X1A
25X1A [redacted] vouchered and [redacted] unvouchered. Mr. [redacted] 25X1A9a
25X1A [redacted] money cited for procurement could be unvouchered, but that if procurement was from DOD, payment was handled on a vouchered basis. Col. White asked how much of the estimated [redacted] unvouchered money would be termed as covert procurement and [redacted] answered not more than [redacted] 25X1A

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Transportation Division

Col. White said that he would like to have statistics (provided it did not take much time to prepare same) on the mileage of cars under the present arrangement of cars being pooled as compared with the mileage on the cars when they were assigned to individual offices.

Printing Services Division

25X1A9a Col. White asked what we paid GPO last year and [redacted] said about \$75,000 for work at the main GPO plant. Col. White said that he is interested in the cost-accounting system instituted by PSD and he asked whether it is being useful. [redacted] said it is of use as a method of reporting production for individuals as well as plants. It is also used for work standard and measurement purposes. We have, and are using to some extent, a pricing system.

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25X1A9a We have a price for everything we do, though we are not charging anyone for it. The figures are used for budget purposes. Col. White asked how many people it takes to run this system. [REDACTED] said less than one day a week for one man. But in Machine Records the services of one man are needed.

25X1A9a Col. White said that he did not believe it was worth while charging customers' budget, but at the same time people can ask for more than they need if they do not have to pay for it. He would like to take a look at the system to see if it could be simplified. He said we might use the information gained to impress various components with how much the costs are, if it is really necessary. Col. White wants [REDACTED] to come up to discuss this with him some time in the near future.

25X1A9a Col. White asked where we stood with GPO, looking toward the day when we are in our new building. [REDACTED] said he thinks we are in a good position. We have discussed the matter with the Joint Committee on Printing and it is generally agreed that the operation of the State Service shop will have to go with us. Col. White feels we had better get the matter settled as soon as possible with Senator Hayden and Mr. Harrison.

25X1A9a Col. White asked about our being able to staff the shop in our new building. [REDACTED] said we would get better than 70% of the present personnel and that GPO would detail others to us until such time as we could get our full permanent complement. Col. White suggested we might have to get some commitments as much as a year ahead. He also suggested that we start now on our equipment program, with the idea of buying 1/3 next year, 1/3 the following year, and the last 1/3 the year after that, rather than all in one year. We may be able to work out something by transfer from GPO.

Col. White commended the PSD, saying that it is very well regarded and that he never receives any complaints about it.

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Real Estate & Construction Division

25X1A9a [REDACTED] raised the question of what we can do about supervising what
25X1A [REDACTED] builds for us. He said that in the Far East we use [REDACTED] but we 25X1A9a
should have someone in Europe.

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Col. White, after hearing some statistics on headquarters moves, said we ought to have some system to get information re maintenance and repair. He feels that our figures should be broken down specifically into rents and moves.

Col. White asked how many telephones we have. We will furnish this information to him.

Col. White expressed his appreciation for this briefing, and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. It was planned that Col. White and others would proceed to the briefing room in R&S Building for a briefing by [REDACTED] of the Building Planning Staff but because of the hour, this session was postponed until the morning of March 21.

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